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Following are the 1) Response to Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE); 2) Request For Continued Examination Request Transmittal; and 3) copy of the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

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Filed:	March 4, 2002
Inventor(s):	Ranjit S. Oberoi, Michael G. Lavelle, Anthony S. Ramirez & Brian D. Fumberling
Title:	SLICE BLEND EXTENSION FOR ACCUMULATION BUFFERING

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**REQUEST TRANSMITTAL**

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 10/090,489, filed on March 4, 2002, entitled SLICE BLEND EXTENSION FOR ACCUMULATION BUFFERING,	
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Examiner:	Lee, Hwa C. Group/Art Unit: 2672
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### Application Elements

1. Filing Fee Amount \$790.00  
☐ A Fee Authorization is enclosed.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the RCL fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c) or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC, Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5681-14000/JCH.
2. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
3. Amendments  
☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.  
☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on June 8, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.  
☐ An amendment and response are attached hereto.  
☐ Please consider the arguments in the response filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.  
☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
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5. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
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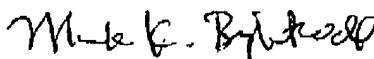
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The request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 filed on 7-19-04 is improper for reason(s) indicated below:

- ☐ 1. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application for a design patent. Applicant may wish to consider filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) or a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d). An RCE cannot be treated as a CPA.
- ☐ 2. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application that was filed before June 8, 1995. Applicant may wish to consider filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).
- ☐ 3. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application unless prosecution in the application is closed. If the RCE was accompanied by a reply to a non-final Office action, the reply will be entered and considered under 37 CFR 1.111. If the RCE was not accompanied by a reply, the time period set forth in the last Office action continues to run from the mailing date of that action.
- ☐ 4. The request was not filed before payment of the issue fee, and no petition under 37 CFR 1.313 was granted. If this application has not yet issued as a patent, applicant may wish to consider filing either a petition under 37 CFR 1.313 to withdraw this application from issue, or a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).
- ☐ 5. The request was not filed before abandonment of the application. The application was abandoned, or proceedings terminated on \_\_\_\_\_. Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 to revive this abandoned application.
- ☐ 6. The request was not accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) as required by 37 CFR 1.114. Since the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the final Office action or notice of allowance continues to run from the mailing date of that action or notice.
- ☐ 7. The request was not accompanied by a submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114. Since the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the final Office action or notice of allowance continues to run from the mailing date of that action or notice.
- ☒ 8. OTHER Signature Missing

**Note:** A continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be filed in a utility or plant application. A CPA filed in a utility or plant application that has a filing date on or after June 8, 1995 will be treated as an RCE under 37 CFR 1.114. The request for a CPA in the instant application, however, has been treated as an improper RCE for the reason(s) indicated above.

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